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NAGASE & CO., LTD

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The corporate governance of NAGASE & CO., LTD (the “Company”) is described below.

## I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile and Other Basic Information

### 1. Basic Views

We recognize our responsibility to society and offer beneficial products and services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity. Through our growth, we will contribute to society and enrich the lives of our employees.

Under this philosophy, we pursue the NAGASE Vision as a promise to our stakeholders that we will realize a sustainable world where people live with peace of mind, each of us embodies our value proposition, Identify, Develop and Expand through daily activities, and strives to improve our medium- and long-term corporate value.

We continue to strengthen corporate governance, as the Company believes that speed in decision-making and action and ensuring transparency are essential for executing the initiatives described above.

[Reasons for Non-compliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

Updated

This report is written based on the revised Corporate Governance Code from June 2021.

#### Supplementary Principle 2.4(1)

The Company strives to appoint diverse human resources representing different genders, nationalities, career histories, and specialties as core personnel to drive organizational change. The Company engages in initiatives to ensure these diverse personnel play an active role in the company. To ensure diversity, the basic policy of the Company is to support skills and career development and to provide comfortable safe workplaces and work styles that stimulate creativity. The Company continues to provide training and challenging opportunities to employees to increase options for work styles and locations. We also support employees in their self-directed career development. We will continue to consider ways of achieving our diversity goals in the future.

#### Supplementary Principle 4.10(1)

As advisory bodies to the board of directors, the Company has established the Compensation Committee, the majority of which consists of outside directors, and the Nomination Committee, the majority of which consists of outside directors and outside members of the Audit & Supervisory Board. Outside directors and outside members of the Audit & Supervisory Board meet the criteria for independence. We believe these individuals are fully capable of fulfilling the role to ensure the independence, objectivity, and, and transparency with respect to the nomination and compensation of the Company’s management team at present. The Compensation Committee deliberates the design of compensation packages for directors and executive officers. The Nomination Committee deliberates the knowledge, experience, and abilities required of directors, as well as the diversity of the composition of the board of directors, specific proposals regarding appointments, and succession plans. Each committee provides reports and advice to the board of directors as necessary. In this way, these committees enhance the objectivity and transparency of the management nomination process within the Company.

#### Supplementary Principle 4.11(1)

The board of directors is composed of internal directors with business experience, knowledge, and expertise, and outside directors who have management experience, mainly at other companies, and who can raise issues based on the perspectives of stakeholders and society. This composition ensures that the board understands the status of business execution, can make decisions in a flexible and prompt manner, and can supervise business execution.

Under this basic policy, the board of directors consists of eight members, including three outside directors who are independent directors. More than one-third of the board of directors is composed of independent outside directors. Further, the Company pursues diversity in management, regardless of gender, nationality, or race. We believe we have secured a certain level of diversity in terms of gender and internationality, including the appointment of one female director. As well, many of our directors have worked overseas for several years (an average of six years of overseas service among our internal directors). At present, we believe we have achieved a certain level of diversity and an appropriate size with respect to the board of directors. However, the Company will continue to examine the possibility of providing a list of the knowledge, experience, and abilities required of directors, as well as disclosing the degree to which such requirements have been satisfied by our board, to improve the effectiveness of the board of directors further.

#### Principle 1.4

##### <Cross-Shareholding Policy and Objectives>

To improve the group's corporate value in a sustainable manner, the Company may hold shares for strategic purposes when deemed necessary, taking into account the maintenance and strengthening of business relationships and business strategies.

The rationality of our cross-shareholdings is reviewed by the department in charge. This department examines whether the earnings from related transactions and dividends received are commensurate with the internal hurdle rate based on the cost of capital, as well as the prospects for business expansion and synergies. The department also considers whether the stable supply of services essential to the group's corporate activities can be expected in the future. The board of directors reviews the results of this examination on an annual basis. In cases where shareholdings are deemed other than rational, the Company will proceed with the sale of such shares in stages, taking into consideration various circumstances, to reduce the size of the holding.

##### <Exercising of Voting rights>

We exercise voting rights appropriately, carefully reviewing the resolution in question and determining approval or disapproval in a comprehensive manner according to whether the measure contributes to the increased share price of the issuing company and whether the measure contributes to our own improved corporate value as a shareholder.

#### Principle 1.7

Before engaging in transactions with directors or major shareholders, the Company determines whether said transaction requires a resolution of the board of directors according to the Company's Board of Director Regulations or Regulations Governing Approvals.

#### Principle 2.6

The Company has adopted a contract-type defined benefit pension plan, establishing and managing an Asset Management Committee which serves as a body to provide basic policies for plan management, establish policies for plan asset composition, and review said policies. The Asset Management Committee is also responsible for evaluating and reviewing the contracted investment institution.

This contracted investment institution includes the Company's labor union and uses outside consultants in plan management, ensuring transparency and objectivity. The committee manages the plan appropriately to ensure no conflicts of interest occur between plan beneficiaries and the Company.

Further, the Company has established Operating Regulations for Corporate Pension Asset Management Committee to prevent any conflicts of interest. The Company appoints a plan manager who is well-experienced in finance and investing. This individual develops greater expertise through the guidance of outside consultants and performs regular monitoring of the investment institution.

#### Principle 3.1

##### (i) , (ii)

We recognize our responsibility to society and offer beneficial products and services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity. Through our growth, we will contribute to society and enrich the lives of our employees.

Under this philosophy, we pursue the NAGASE Vision as a promise to our stakeholders that we will realize a sustainable world where people live with peace of mind, each of us embodies our value proposition, Identify, Develop and Expand through daily activities, and strives to improve our medium- and long-term corporate value.

We continue to strengthen corporate governance, as the Company believes that speed in decision-making and action and ensuring transparency are essential for executing the initiatives described above.

##### (iii)

See II Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems Regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management 1. Organizational Composition and Operation [Director Remuneration] in this report and 4 [Corporate Governance] (1) Corporate Governance 4. Director Remuneration in our annual securities report for more information related to policies and decision-making procedures regarding director compensation.

##### (iv) , (v)

##### <Policies and Procedures for Selecting Executive Officers>

Candidates for executive officer are those individuals who demonstrate an honest character and who possess great insight and skills. Candidates must also possess operational experience, knowledge, and expertise. Candidates are selected by the representative director. After deliberations by the independent Nominating Committee, the board of directors then conducts deliberations and comes to a decision.

##### <Policies and Procedures for Selecting Directors and Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board>

As a rule, internal directors interim directors are selected from candidates who have experience as an executive officer. Candidates for outside director are individuals who demonstrate honest character and possess great insight and skill, providing insight from stakeholders in society from which they can raise issues to be addressed by the Company. Candidates are selected by the represent rector. After deliberations by the independent Nominating Committee, the board of directors then conducts deliberations and comes to a decision. Finally, candidates are proposed before the general shareholders' meeting.

Candidates for member of the Audit & Supervisory Board are selected by the represent director from among individuals who meet conditions as provided in the Audit & Supervisory Board Audit Standards. After deliberations by the independent Nominating Committee, the board of directors conducts deliberations and comes to a decision Finally, candidates are proposed before the general shareholders' meeting. The Company discloses the reasons for nominating each candidate for director in each candidate for member of the Audit & Supervisory Board within the reference materials included in the shareholders' meeting convocation notice. The Company has established standards for the dismissal of directors and executive officers\*. After deliberations by the independent Nominating Committee as to the dismissal of individuals subject to any of the aforementioned standards, the board of directors conducts celebrations and comes to a decision. The Company performs dismissal procedures as necessary, disclosing the reasons for dismissal as applicable.

\*Dismissal Standards:

(1) Individual has committed an act of suspected illegality, unfairness, or bad faith, individual becomes subject to discipline under the provisions of Employment Regulations, individual has engaged in acts or speech damaging to the Company's reputation for profits, or individual has become otherwise ineligible, deemed unsuitable to serve in the capacity of corporate officer.

(2) Individual demonstrates insufficient performance of duties or results, and the board of directors determines that leaving said individual in the capacity of corporate officer is inappropriate.

Supplementary Principle 3.1 (3)

We recognize that sustainability initiatives are an important management issue. When we formulated our *ACE 2.0* medium-term management plan, announced in May 2021, we analyzed the external environment and identified the most important issues for NAGASE and our shareholders: technological innovation, climate change and resource shortages, demographic changes, and industrial reorganization. We identified materialities based on the value we offer to stakeholders. With respect to climate change and resource shortages in particular, we established the Decarbonization Project under the Sustainability Committee. We plan to conduct scenario analysis incorporating scenario analyses incorporating climate-related risks and opportunities, identifying and preparing to disclose these risks and opportunities in line with the TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure) as we ready ourselves to endorse the TCFD. With respect to human capital, we established the Employee Engagement Project under the Sustainability Promotion Committee, and we strive to strengthen human capital by improving employee engagement.

Our sustainability initiatives, including initiatives related to climate change, are disclosed on our corporate sustainability website. <https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/sustainability/>

Supplementary Principle 4.1(1)

The board of directors functions to oversee business operations and make decisions regarding important business matters. The board also make decisions about important management issues, as well as important operational issues as provided by laws, relations, and the Company's articles of incorporation. The Company has established standards for those matters to be decided by the president, the director in charge, division general managers, or supervisory departments. We have established systems that clarify the division of responsibilities, allowing for speed in business management. We clearly define these standards in Board of Director Regulations and Regulations Governing Approvals.

Principle 4.9

The Company selects candidates according to independent standards provided by the financial instruments exchange, as well as the ability to raise issues to be addressed by the Company from the standpoint of our stakeholders and society.

Supplementary Principle 4.11(1)

Our basic policy is to have a board of directors consisting of inside directors and a multiple number of outside directors. Inside directors have operational experience, knowledge, and expertise to properly understand the Company's business operations, provide agile and timely decision-making, and oversee the execution of our business. Outside directors provide insight from stakeholders and society, raising issues to be addressed by the Company.

As a part of this basic policy, currently the Company's board of directors comprises nine directors of whom three are independent outside directors, meaning these independent outside directors comprise more than one-third of the board of directors. Furthermore, we feel that the NAGASE Group pursues diversity in management, regardless of gender, nationality, or race, and we have appointed one female director. We have also ensured a certain degree of diversity from the perspective of gender and internationality, and by ensuring that many of our directors have experience of being posted overseas for a number of years (average length of overseas posting for internal directors: six years). Presently, we believe that we are able to maintain both a certain level of diversity and an appropriate size for the board of directors. However in order to ensure the effectiveness of the board of directors, we are aiming to achieve higher levels of both diversity and a more appropriate size for its composition.

#### Supplementary Principle 4.11(2)

The Company discloses the significant concurrent duties (including service as directors of other publicly traded corporations) performed by directors, members of the Audit & Supervisory Board, and candidates thereof on an annual basis in disclosure documents including shareholders' meeting convocation notice reference materials, business reports, and annual securities reports. The Company believes that the number of companies in which directors perform concurrent services is within a reasonable scope.

#### Supplementary Principle 4.11(3)

The Company analyzes and evaluates the effectiveness of the board of directors, believing in the importance of improving board effectiveness on an annual basis. Accordingly, the Company has conducted a survey of all directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the board of directors.

As a result, the Company confirmed that our board of directors conducts appropriate and timely deliberations and decision-making, functioning effectively.

Additionally, in response to the issue of the requirement to further expand deliberations of medium- and long-term policies, companywide strategies, and other important matters identified in the evaluation from the previous year's board of directors meetings, we reviewed items deliberated in board of director meetings to ensure improvements allowing for sufficient time to be allotted.

At the same time, and from the perspective of improving the effectiveness of the board of directors, we identified the need to ensure more robust meetings by providing information for consideration prior to meetings, to provide better feedback and follow-up, and to secure greater diversity in the composition of the board of directors over the medium to long term.

The Company intends to continue with initiatives for improving board of director effectiveness.

#### Supplementary Principle 4.14(2)

The Company provides information related to the NAGASE Group Management Philosophy, corporate management, business activities, and organization to outside directors and outside members of the Audit & Supervisor Board. In this way, we help these individuals gain a deeper understanding of these topics.

The Company also provides opportunities at the Company's expense to help directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board (including outside directors and outside members) obtain the necessary knowledge to accomplish their roles and responsibilities.

#### Principle 5.1

Our basic policy is to conduct constructive dialogue with shareholders that contributes to sustainable growth and corporate value improvement over the medium and long term. As much as reasonable, we respond to meeting requests from shareholders the purpose of holding constructive dialogues.

The Company's director in charge of the Corporate Management Department in charge of Company investor relations. Our investor relations department works in cooperation with other internal departments to provide appropriate responses in creating opportunities for constructive dialogue with our shareholders.

The Company strives to provide information through various briefings, in-person meetings with domestic and foreign investors, facilities tours, and publication on our corporate website.

Information and requests received from shareholders through these and other dialogues are forwarded to the board of directors as deemed necessary. We manage information carefully in accordance with our Regulations for Preventing Insider Trading to prevent inside information from being disclosed during these dialogues.

## 2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio

More than 20% less than 30%

[Status of Major Shareholders]

Updated

| Name / Company Name  | Number of Shares Owned | No. of Shares Held (%) |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)   | 15,026,800             | 12.38                  |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited  | 5,776,000              | 4.76                   |
| NORTHERN TRUST CO. (AVFC) RE SILCHESTER INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS INTERNATIONAL VALUE EQUITY TRUST | 5,312,500              | 4.38                   |
| Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)  | 4,550,900              | 3.75                   |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation  | 4,377,000              | 3.61                   |
| Nippon Life Insurance Company  | 3,589,133              | 2.96                   |
| Reiko Nagase   | 3,519,249              | 2.90                   |
| NAGASE & CO., LTD. Own Share Investment Association  | 3,023,193              | 2.49                   |
| NORTHERN TRUST CO. (AVFC) RE U.S. TAX EXEMPTED PENSION FUNDS                                     | 2,920,700              | 2.41                   |
| Nagase Shunzo Co., Ltd.  | 2,688,000              | 2.21                   |

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)

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Parent Company

None

Supplementary Explanation

Updated

1. On August 20, 2010, BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. submitted the following information to the Director-General of the Kanto Finance Bureau in connection with a substantial shareholding report (change report) concerning holdings of Company stock. As of the end of the second quarter, we have not been able to confirm beneficial ownership status. Accordingly, BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. is not included in the Status of Major Shareholders above.

| Name/Company Name                  | Number of Shares Held (Thousands) | (%)  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.          | 3,672                             | 2.65 |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited    | 654                               | 0.47 |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors            | 309                               | 0.22 |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust N.A. | 1,057                             | 0.76 |

2. On December 4, 2020, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited submitted the following information to the Director-General of the Kanto Finance Bureau in connection with a substantial shareholding report (change report) concerning holdings of Company stock. As of the end of the second quarter, we have not been able to confirm beneficial ownership status. Accordingly, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited is not included in the Status of Major Shareholders above.

| Name/Company Name                   | Number of Shares Held (Thousands) | (%)  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited | 5,776                             | 4.53 |

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| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management Co., Ltd. | 3,884 | 3.05 |
| Nikko Asset Management Co., Ltd.                 | 1,670 | 1.31 |

3. On September 1, 2021, Silchester International Investors LLP submitted the following information to the Director-General of the Kanto Finance Bureau in connection with a substantial shareholding report (change report) concerning holdings of Company stock. As of the end of the second quarter, we have not been able to confirm beneficial ownership status. Accordingly, Silchester International Investors LLP is not included in the Status of Major Shareholders above.

| Name or Trade Name                     | Number of Shares Owned (Thousands) | (%)  |
|--|------------------------------------|------|
| Silchester International Investors LLP | 12,289                             | 9.88 |

4. On October 4, 2021, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. submitted the following information to the Director-General of the Kanto Finance Bureau in connection with a substantial shareholding report (change report) concerning holdings of Company stock. As of the end of the second quarter, we have not been able to confirm beneficial ownership status. Accordingly, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. is not included in the Status of Major Shareholders above.

| Name/Company Name                                  | Number of Shares Held (Thousands) | (%)  |
|--|-----------------------------------|------|
| MUFG Bank, Ltd.                                    | 1,836                             | 1.48 |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation       | 4,187                             | 3.37 |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Kokusai Asset Management Co., Ltd.  | 632                               | 0.51 |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co., Ltd. | 193                               | 0.16 |

### 3. Corporate Attributes

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|---|--|
| Listed Stock Market and Market Section  | First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange  |
| Fiscal Year-End   | March                                      |
| Type of Business  | Wholesale trade                            |
| Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year  | More than 1000                             |
| Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year                | From ¥100 billion to less than ¥1 trillion |
| Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year | From 50 to less than 100                   |

### 4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

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### 5. Other Special Circumstances which may have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

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## II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems Regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management

### 1. Organizational Composition and Operation

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| Organization Form | a company with an Audit and Supervisory Board |
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[Directors]

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| Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation | 12  |
| Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation              | 1 years   |
| Chairperson of the Board  | Chairman (excluding cases when serving concurrently as president) |
| Number of Directors   | 8   |
| Appointment Status of Outside Members of the Managing Board         | Appointed   |
| Number of Outside Directors   | 3   |
| Number of Independent Directors                                     | 3   |

#### Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

| Name             | Attribute            | Relationship to the Company* |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                  |                      | a                            | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k |
| Nobumasa Kemori  | From another company |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   | △ |   |   |   |
| Takahiko Ijichi  | From another company |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   | △ |   |   |   |
| Ritsuko Nonomiya | From another company |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

\* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

\* "○" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;  
 "△" when the director fell under the category in the past

\* "●" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;  
 "▲" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries

b. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company

c. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company

d. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof

e. Major client or supplier of the listed company or an executive thereof

f. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as a director/Audit & Supervisory Board Member

g. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)

h. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d, e, or f) (the director himself/herself only)

i. Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members are mutually appointed (the director himself/herself only)

j. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the director himself/herself only)

k. Others

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (2)

| Name             | Designation as Independent Director | Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship   | Reasons of Appointment  |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Nobumasa Kemori  | ○                                   | <p>Mr. Kemori serves as an Executive Adviser to Sumitomo Metal Mining Co, Ltd. Although the Company conducts business transactions with Sumitomo Metal Mining, sales from Sumitomo Metal Mining to the NAGASE Group amounted to less than 0.1% of Company net sales, and our purchases from Sumitomo Metal Mining amounted to less than 0.1% of the total of our cost of sales and our selling, general and administrative expenses during the fiscal year ending March 2021.</p>   | <p>Mr. Kemori has been involved in management of Sumitomo Metal Mining Co, Ltd. for many years and possesses advanced knowledge and extensive experience regarding corporate management. We expect Mr. Kemori to enhance the NAGASE Group corporate governance through his knowledge and experience, offering proposals concerning the Company's overall management from a perspective of familiarity with industry. Accordingly, we have appointed Mr. Kemori as an outside director. Mr. Kemori serves as an Executive Adviser to Sumitomo Metal Mining Co, Ltd., with whom the Company conducts business transactions, however we do not believe any significant special interest between Sumitomo Metal Mining Co, Ltd. and the Company exists when considering the scope of these business transactions. In addition to the preceding, with the exception of his stock ownership in the Company, Mr. Kemori has no personal relationships, equity relationships, business relationships, or other interests in the Company. Therefore, we consider Mr. Kemori to be an outside director having no potential conflicts of interest with our general shareholders.</p> |
| Takahiko Ijichi  | ○                                   | <p>Mr. Ijichi formerly served as an Executive Vice president at Toyota Motor Corporation, one of our business partners. Although the Company conducts business transactions with Toyota Motor Corporation, sales from Toyota Motor Corporation to the NAGASE Group amounted to less than 0.6% of Company net sales, and our purchases from Toyota Motor Corporation amounted to less than 0.3% of the total of our cost of sales and our selling, general and administrative expenses during the fiscal year ending March 2021.</p> | <p>Mr. Ijichi has been involved in management of Toyota Motor Corporation for many years and possesses advanced knowledge and extensive experience regarding corporate management. Mr. Ijichi has been appointed as an outside director, so that he can use this knowledge and experience to make proposals concerning the Company's overall management including about production activities underway both within Japan and overseas, and he is expected to strengthen the NAGASE Group corporate governance. Mr. Ijichi is a former executive vice president at Toyota Motor Corporation, with whom the Company conducts business transactions. However, we do not believe any significant special interests exist when considering the scope of these business transactions. In addition to the preceding, with the exception of his stock ownership in the Company, Mr. Ijichi has no personal relationships, equity relationships, business relationships, or other interests in the Company. Therefore, we consider Mr. Ichiji to be an outside director having no potential conflicts of interest with our general shareholders.</p>                               |
| Ritsuko Nonomiya | ○                                   | —   | <p>Having experience in auditing and similar areas at KPMG Group, and in M&amp;A and business development at UBS Group and GE Group, Ms. Nonomiya has high levels of financial and accounting knowledge, together with ample insight into and experience in corporate management. She has been appointed as an outside director so that she can use this knowledge and experience to make proposals concerning the Company's overall management, and she is expected to strengthen Group corporate</p>  |



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|  |  |  | governance as we conduct an increasing amount of business overseas. With the exception of her stock ownership in the Company, Ms. Nonomiya has no personal relationships, equity relationships, business relationships, or other interests in the Company. Therefore, we consider Ms. Nonomiya to be an outside director having no potential conflicts of interest with our general shareholders. |
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| Voluntary Establishment of Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee | Established |
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#### Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson

|   | Committee's Name       | All Committee Members | Full-time Members | Inside Directors | Outside Directors | Outside Experts | Other | Chairperson                           |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Committee Corresponding to Nomination Committee   | Nominating Committee   | 5                     | 0                 | 2                | 2                 | 0               | 1     | Internal member of the Managing Board |
| Committee Corresponding to Remuneration Committee | Compensation Committee | 4                     | 0                 | 1                | 3                 | 0               | 0     | Internal member of the Managing Board |

#### Supplementary Explanation

The Nominating Committee consists of the majority of outside officers. The committee deliberates director appointments and succession plans, reporting to and offering advice to the board of directors. In this way, the committee accomplishes its role to enhance objectivity and transparency in the naming of Company senior management.

The Officer Remuneration Committee consists of a majority of outside directors. The committee deliberates the propriety of compensation levels and structures, reporting to and offering advice to the board of directors. In this way, the committee accomplishes its role to enhance objectivity and transparency in the process for determining direct compensation for Company directors and executive officers.

#### [Audit & Supervisory Board Members]

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| Establishment of Audit & Supervisory Board                     | Established |
| Maximum number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members stipulated | 5           |
| Number of Audit & Supervisory Board Members                    | 4           |

#### Cooperation among Audit & Supervisory Board Members, Accounting Auditor and the Internal Audit

Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board hold regular meetings with the independent financial statement auditor, receiving explanations of audit plans and audit results. In addition to exchanging opinions related to the identification of risks, members also ask the independent financial statement auditor to provide explanations of their structure for audit quality assurance. In addition, members coordinate with the independent financial statement auditor as appropriate, including participation in visits to subsidiaries, asset observations, etc. Members of the Audit & Supervisor Board exchange information with the Audit Office, internal auditors, and audit divisions of domestic and international affiliated companies. Further, members receive reports about the status of internal controls related to financial reporting.

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| Appointment of outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members                                       | Appointed |
| Number of Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members  | 2         |
| Number of independent officers designated from among outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members | 2         |

Outside Audit & Supervisory Board Members' Relationship with the Company (1)

| Name               | Attribute            | Relationship to the Company* |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                    |                      | a                            | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | j | k | l | m |
| Nobuyuki Shirafuji | From another company |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | △ |   |   |   |
| Gan Matsui         | Lawyer               |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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\* "●" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"▲" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries

b. Non-executive director or accounting advisor of the Company or its subsidiaries

c. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company

d. Audit & Supervisory Board Members of a parent company of the Company

e. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company

f. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof

g. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof

h. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides compensation as an Audit & Supervisory Board Member

i. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)

j. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any off, g, or h) (the Audit & Supervisory Board Member himself/herself only)

k. Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/Audit & Supervisory Board Members are mutually appointed (the Audit & Supervisory Board Member himself/herself only)

l. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the Audit & Supervisory Board Member himself/herself only)

m. Others

Outside Auditors' Relationship with the Company (2)

| Name               | Designation as Independent Director | Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship   | Reasons of Appointment   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Nobuyuki Shirafuji | ○                                   | In the past, Mr. Shirafuji worked for the Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, one of the Company's banks. Although the Company maintains an outstanding loan from the bank in question, the loan balance was less than 2.4% of Company's total assets as of the end of the fiscal year ended March 2021. | Mr. Shirafuji possesses a wide range of knowledge based on his many years of experience at overseas financial institutions. He also has many years of experience related to audits and working in audit departments, earning considerable knowledge regarding finance and accounting. Accordingly, it is our judgment that Nobuyuki Shirafuji has the ability to appropriately execute the duties of an outside member of the Audit & Supervisory Board and we have therefore appointed him to this role. In the past, Mr. Shirafuji worked for the Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, one of the Company's banks; however, Mr. Shirafuji did not manage Company accounts during his service at the bank in question. Furthermore, the Company maintains a high shareholder's equity ratio and a sound financial structure. We do not rely heavily on borrowings from financial institutions, resulting in minimal impact of financial institutions on Company management. In addition to the preceding, with the exception of his stock ownership in the Company, Mr. Shirafuji has no personal relationships, equity relationships, business relationships, or other interests in the Company. Therefore, we consider Mr. Shirafuji to be an outside director having no potential conflicts of interest with our general shareholders. |
| Gan Matsui         | ○                                   | —   | Mr. Matsui has a wealth of experience and knowledge in legal matters. Accordingly, it is our judgment that Mr. Matsui has the ability to execute the duties of an outside member of the Audit & Supervisory Board and we have consequently appointed him to this role. With the exception of his stock ownership in the Company, Mr. Matsui has no personal relationships, equity relationships, business relationships, or other interests in the Company. Therefore, we consider Mr. Matsui to be an outside director having no potential conflicts of interest with our general shareholders.   |

[Independent Officers]

Number of Independents

5

Matters relating to Independents

The Company designates all outside officer who satisfy the requirements of independent officers as such.

[Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors

Performance-linked Remuneration

Supplementary Explanation

We selected profit attributable to owners of the parent, a measure of bottom-line profit, as an indicator for performance-linked remuneration and as an incentive to improve business results. We calculate performance-linked remuneration by determining the basic amount of performance-linked remuneration based on consolidated earnings forecasts at the beginning of the period, multiplied by the ratio of net income to net income results of the previous fiscal year, and multiplied by performance compared with the consolidated earnings forecast at the beginning of the fiscal year, adjusted by individual assessments. Net income for the fiscal year ended March 2021 amounted to 18.8 billion yen. Beginning with the fiscal year ending March 2022, we will add ROE as an indicator in addition to net income to provide an incentive to improve capital efficiency.

Recipients of Stock Options

Supplementary Explanation

#### [Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors' Remuneration

The Company does not disclose individual compensation.

Supplementary Explanation

- Compensation paid to directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board in service as of the fiscal year ended March 2021

The Company paid ¥314 million in compensation to nine directors and ¥79 million in compensation to four members of the Audit & Supervisor Board. Of this amount, a total of ¥61 million in compensation was paid to six outside officers. Payments to directors include accrued bonuses for directors in the amount of ¥76 million for the year ended March 2021, recognized as an expense for the period. In addition, the Company paid the equivalent of ¥12 million as employee bonuses for individuals serving concurrently as directors and employees.

The aforementioned compensation includes payments to one director who retired upon the conclusion of the 105th regular shareholders' meeting held June 22, 2020.

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

Established

Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

The Company has determined a policy related to decisions on amounts and calculation methods for director remuneration after recommendations from the Compensation Committee, which consists of at least half outside directors, and deliberations by the board of directors. This basic policy ensures compensation is commensurate with the role and scope of responsibilities for each director, taking into consideration objective external data and business conditions, and that compensation serves as a standard for motivation to improve ongoing corporate value. Fixed (basic) remuneration according to this standard shall represent between 50% and 70% according to position, and performance-linked remuneration representing between 30% and 50% of total remuneration. Compensation for outside directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board reflects the individual's responsibilities and consists only of fixed (basic) compensation.

The Company's basic policy is to pay the annual amount of fixed (basic) remuneration in equal monthly installments, and to pay performance-linked remuneration in a lump sum at the end of June.

#### [Supporting System for Outside Directors]

The Company has assigned a department responsible for coordinating board of director meeting schedules, contacting meeting attendees, and providing materials and explanations prior to board meetings.

#### [Supporting of Former Director and President of the Company]

Name, etc. of advisor or counselor who is a former director and president of the Company

| Name  | Position | Responsibilities | Work status/conditions<br>(full-time, part-time,<br>Remuneration status, etc.) | Date of retirement<br>as president, etc. | Term  |
|-------|----------|------------------|--|--|-------|
| _____ | _____    | _____            | _____  | _____                                    | _____ |

Number of advisor or counselor who is a former director and president of the Company

0

Other notes

## 2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination and Remuneration

Updated

The Company has adopted the form of a company with an Audit & Supervisory Board. In addition, the Company has adopted an executive officer system to separate management and business execution to speed up decision-making and strengthen business execution. The Company's present management structure consists of eight directors (including three outside directors), 19 executive officers (including three who serve concurrently as directors), and four members of the Audit & Supervisory Board (two of whom are outside members).

The Company has defined the board of directors as the body that determines management policies and strategic decision-making, as well as the body that oversees business execution. The board meets regularly on a monthly basis, resolving important matters, discussing progress of the Company's business, and formulating policies.

Members of the Audit & Supervisory Board follow audit policies and roles as determined by the Audit & Supervisory Board, attending meetings of the board of directors and other important meetings. As necessary, members request reports from subsidiaries and otherwise conducts audits related to performance of duties on the part of directors.

The Company has established the following voluntary committees to strengthen corporate governance functions. The Compensation Committee, which consists of four individuals (a majority of outside directors), deliberates the validity of compensation standards and systems, reporting to and advising the board of directors. The role of this committee is to improve objectivity and transparency in the director compensation decision-making process. The Nomination Committee, which consists of five individuals (a majority of outside directors), deliberates candidates for director and executive officer, as well as succession plans, reporting to and advising the board of directors. The role of this committee is to improve objectivity and transparency in the Company's nominations of senior managers.

The Company has also established the following voluntary committees and committee structures: The Group Management Committee comprises executive officers appointed by the board of directors, and in principle, this meets regularly twice a month to discuss management strategies, investment projects, and other important matters, and to support management decision-making. This serves as an advisory body that discusses matters resolved by the board of directors. The Sustainability Committee is chaired by the President and comprises executive officers and senior management of Group companies. This formulates policies for promoting sustainability throughout the Group, establishes and maintains the promotion system, monitors measures and policies, and conducts educational activities within the Group. The Risk Management & Compliance Committee serves as an advisory body to the board of directors to strengthen mechanisms not only for legal compliance, but also for risk management and compliance, including risks associated with corporate ethics. The Internal Control Committee deliberates basic policy for internal controls and monitors the structure and operation of mechanisms determined under the internal controls system to ensure the appropriateness of business operations. The Security Trade Control Committee ensures compliance with laws and regulations related to transactions and goods and technologies addressed by export-related regulations, including the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.

Audits conducted by members of the Audit & Supervisory Board are conducted by four members who have a considerable amount of knowledge about finance and accounting, three of whom are full-time members (one outside member) and one of whom is a part-time member (outside members). In principle, the Audit & Supervisory Board meets on a monthly basis and otherwise as needed. At meetings, each member reports on audit activities and results, and members exchange opinions related to audit perspectives and other matters. To ensure the effectiveness of audits by members of the Audit & Supervisory Board, one individual with considerable knowledge of finance, accounting, and internal audits is assigned from the Audit Office (internal audit division) to act as audit staff.

Internal audits are conducted by a staff of 11 individuals having expert knowledge in internal audits, including certified auditors (CIA) and qualified internal auditors (QIA). These individuals conduct audits of the appropriateness and efficiency of business operations within the Company and subsidiaries based on Internal Audit Regulations.

The Company's financial statement audits are performed by the following designated limited liability partners to ensure a fair and

unbiased audit.

None of the individuals mentioned below have been engaged in audits of the Company for more than seven consecutive years.

- Specified limited liability partners and managing executive partners

| Name              | Audit Corporation           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Yoshifumi Mitsugi | Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC |
| Rikio Watanabe    | Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC |

The Company has executed limited liability agreements with outside directors Nobumasa Kemori, Takahiko Ijichi, and Ritsuko Nonomiya, as well as with outside members of the Audit & Supervisory Board Nobuyuki Shirafuji and Gan Matsui. These agreements, an overview of which follows, are based on the Company's articles of incorporation and Article 423.1 of the Companies Act.

- Outside directors shall be liable for compensation of damages to the Company at the minimum limit of liability as provided in Article 425.1 of the Companies Act when negligence of duties results in damage to the Company, but said outside director has acted in good faith and without gross negligence in the execution of their duties.

The Company provides directors and officers liability insurance naming directors, executive officers, and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board as the insureds. The insureds pay 10% of total premiums and the Company pays the remaining 90% of total premiums, which correspond to a special clause regarding indemnification for shareholder lawsuits. The insurance covers third party lawsuits, shareholder lawsuits, etc. The total amount to be paid by the insurance is limited, and in the event of an incident, a certain amount is to be borne by the individual directors and members of the Audit & Supervisory Board to ensure that the appropriate conduct of their respect duties is not impaired.

### 3. Reasons for Adoption of Current Corporate Governance System

The Company believes that the current corporate governance system is the most reasonable system at present, as the system facilitates objective suggestions and advice from multiple independent outside directors, as well as objective and effective audits conducted impartially by highly expert and independent members of the Audit & Supervisory Board. In addition, the governance system ensures transparency, effectiveness, practicability, and soundness in management supervision and decision-making through coordination with various committees and councils that have been established on a voluntary basis.

### III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

#### 1. Measures to Vitalize the General Shareholder Meetings and Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights

|   | Supplementary Explanations  |
|---|---|
| Early notices of convocations of general shareholders' meetings | Notices are sent three weeks prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.  |
| Scheduling AGMs Avoiding the Peak Day                           | In principle, we avoid holding general shareholders' meetings on days when numerous other companies hold their meetings.  |
| Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights                   | The Company allows shareholders to exercise voting rights electronically through an electronic voting website ( <a href="https://www.web54.net">https://www.web54.net</a> ). Voting is allowed until 5:15 PM on the day before the general shareholders' meeting.   |
| Participation in Electronic Voting Platform                     | The platform for electronic exercise of voting rights for institutional investors managed by Investors Communications Japan, Inc. is available.   |
| Providing Convocation Notice in English                         | The Company provides endless translations of convocation notices, business reports, financial statements, etc. on the Company's website, the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the electronic voting platform operated by Investor Communications Japan, Inc.  |
| Other   | The Company publishes convocation notices for general shareholders meetings approximately four weeks prior to the scheduled date of said meeting. This information is published on the Company's website, the website of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the electronic voting platform operated by Investor Communications Japan, Inc. |

|   | Supplementary Explanations  | Explanations by the Representative Himself /Herself |
|---|---|---|
| Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy                    | The Company's Basic Compliance Policy and NAGASE Group Compliance Conduct Standards call for the Company to engage in the proactive and fair disclosure of corporate information to stakeholders to ensure transparency.<br>See the Company's website for disclosures related to our Basic Compliance Policy and NAGASE Group Compliance Conduct Standards.   |   |
| Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors | The Company conducts investor briefings in May and November. The president of NAGASE & CO., LTD. provides an explanation of financial results and mid-term management plans, etc. These briefings are tended by approximately 60 persons, including analysts and institutional investors.   | Yes   |
| Posting of IR Materials on Website                                  | The Company publishes investor relations communications on our corporate website. These communications include disclosures related to financial information, timely disclosure materials other than financial information, the Company's annual securities report and quarterly reports, shareholder meeting convocation notices (including English translations), presentation materials used in briefings for analysts and institutional investors, shareholder newsletters, integrated reports, corporate videos, etc.<br>Our main investor relations webpage may be found at the following URL: <a href="https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/ir/">https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/ir/</a> |   |
| Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR          | Department in Charge of Investor Relations: Corporate Management Department<br>Director in Charge of Investor Relations: Director in Charge of the Corporate Management Department  |   |
| Other   | The Company offers individual meetings and facility tours to analysts and institutional investors on an appropriate basis.  |   |



### 3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders

|   | Supplementary Explanation   |
|---|---|
| Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders | <p>The Company's Management Philosophy states that we recognize our responsibility to society and offer beneficial products and services while maintaining the highest standards of integrity. Through our growth, we will contribute to society and enrich the lives of our employees.</p> <p>Guided by this statement, the Company created our Basic Compliance Policy and NAGASE Group Compliance Conduct Standards to define rules for respecting the position of our stakeholders.</p>   |
| Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities etc.           | <p>In April 2000, the Company obtained ISO 14001 certification (international standard for environmental management systems). We conduct ongoing activities to improve our environmental management systems, including measures to achieve goals for reducing energy usage and general waste in our business processes.</p> <p>As part of our social contribution activities, the Company provides a grant to the NAGASE Science Technology Foundation to encourage science and technology development throughout Japan.</p> <p>For more information, see the Company's integrated report (<a href="https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/ir/library/annual-report/">https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/ir/library/annual-report/</a>).</p> <p>The Company's main Sustainability webpage can be found at <a href="https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/sustainability/">https://www.nagase.co.jp/english/sustainability/</a>.</p>  |
| Development of Policies on Information Provision to Stakeholders          | <p>The Company's Basic Compliance Policy and NAGASE Group Compliance Conduct Standards call for the Company to engage in the proactive and fair disclosure of corporate information to stakeholders to ensure transparency.</p>   |
| Other   | <p>The NAGASE Group believes that diversity is an important part of corporate strategy. We respect the ideas and views of a diverse workforce, encouraging active internal discussions and the creation of new ideas, which represent a source of competitive advantage. We believe this policy results in the growth of the NAGASE Group, as well as in the growth of every individual employee.</p> <p>&lt; Policies and Initiatives on Women in the Workforce &gt;</p> <p>As of March 2019, 2020 and 2021, the Company had 20, 22, and 25 women in managerial roles*. This number has risen gradually over time, and the Company plans to continue to hire and promote women in these roles.</p> <p>The Company has created a guidebook defining systems supporting maternal care and child rearing to allow women to continue to work in the Company. Prior to taking leave for maternity or childcare, and prior to returning to work, employees meet with their workplace superior a representative of the human resources department. Upon returning to work from childcare leave, official assistants and other employees take advantage of Company programs (during fiscal year ended March 2016, the Company raised the eligible age for children of employees working under the shorter-time work system, telework system, shift-work system, hourly paid leave system, etc.) to balance work duties and childcare obligations.</p> <p>During the fiscal year ended March 2017, the Company formulated a five-year action plan to promote the role of women in the workplace based on the Act on Promotion of Women's Participation and Advancement in the Workplace. This plan includes raising the ratio of women in managerial roles from 2.9% to 6.0% by the fiscal year ending March 2021. As of the fifth year of this plan, the Company has raised this ratio to 4.4%. We will formulate an action plan to increase the ratio of women in career-track positions to 10% or more over the next five years, implementing various measures to achieve this goal.</p> <p>* Managerial role is defined as an individual who oversees subordinates as part of their duties or equivalent without subordinates.</p> <p>&lt;Work-Life Balance&gt;</p> <p>The Company believes that work-life balance is a necessary part of promoting diversity. Providing a supportive work environment for a diverse employee base and facilitating work styles that balance work and life these two benefits for both company and employee. Accordingly, the Company is striving to reform attitudes and implement systems that support this balance.</p> <p>The Company sponsors a monthly Safety Committee meeting held jointly between labor and management. The major topics of this meeting include flexible work styles, encouraging taking paid vacation, and reducing overtime. The Company uses the results of workplace and work environment surveys in ongoing dialogue</p> |

with employees to create more comfortable work environments. To reduce overtime, the Company has designated one day per week as a no overtime day. In addition, the company discloses overtime data by job description to promote operational efficiency and encourage a closer look at the status of overtime work. We will continue to create practical systems that provide more flexible work options for our employees.

## IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

### 1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development

The Company's board of directors adopted a resolution on basic policy for creating internal control systems entitled "Creation of Systems to Ensure that Directors Execute their Duties in Accordance with Laws and Regulations and the Articles of Incorporation and Other Systems Specified by Ministry of Justice Ordinance Necessary for Ensuring the Proper Implementation of Business by a Stock Corporation and the Corporate Group Comprising that Corporation and its Subsidiaries." Details of the policy are set forth below. Based on this basic policy, the Company will ensure the appropriateness of its business operations and conduct ongoing reviews and continuous improvement in order to appropriately reinforce governance systems even further in light of changes in the Company's business environment.

Furthermore, the company has established an Internal Control Committee in order to establish, maintain, and improve the internal control system. The Internal Control Committee deliberates basic policy for internal controls, and monitors the structure and operation of mechanisms determined by the internal controls system.

a) Systems to ensure that Directors and employees execute their duties in accordance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation

The Company adopted Basic Compliance Policy setting forth a code of conduct with which all officers and employees must comply, conducts all business activities in accordance with the Nagase Group Compliance Code of Conduct, and complies with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation. Furthermore, regarding the internal reporting system, the Company operates it in an appropriate and proper way that ensures the information management of the contents of the report and ensures people reporting incidents or concerns regarding non-compliance will not suffer any disadvantage. Courses and other programs contributing to legal compliance are conducted as necessary for officers and employees including those of Group companies.

b) Systems for retaining and managing information relating to the execution of duties by Directors

Information relating to the execution of duties by Directors is recorded on paper or electromagnetically in accordance with internal rules and is retained and managed. Directors and Audit & Supervisory Board members can access and view these documents at any time.

c) Rules relating to management of loss-related risks and other systems

The Company has established the Risk Management & Compliance Committee as the organization that performs comprehensive management relating to loss-related risks for the Company and Group companies, determined the committee's functions and authority, and created a system that clarifies its roles and responsibilities. Under this system, each responsible division establishes rules and guidelines, conducts training, prepares and distributes manuals, and takes other measures concerning individual risks relating to the business activities of the Company and Group companies. When new risks arise, the Committee promptly designates the responsible division to address the risks, and also develops a system for prompt and appropriate communication and emergency procedures in case that an incident occurs within the Group.

d) Systems for ensuring the efficient execution of duties by Directors

The board of directors is clearly positioned as the body in charge of making decisions on management policies and strategies, and it supervises the execution of operations as the foundation for ensuring that Directors efficiently execute their duties. The board of directors holds regular monthly meetings as well as extraordinary meetings when necessary. With regard to the performance of business in accordance with the decisions of the board of directors, organizational operations rules and divisions of work responsibilities established under an executive officer system specify responsible parties, their responsibilities, and procedures for carrying out those responsibilities. Additionally, the Group Management Committee comprises executive officers appointed by the board of directors, and in principle, this meets regularly twice a month to discuss management strategies, investment projects and other important matters, and to support management decision-making.

Furthermore, directors and corporate auditors may attend Group Management Committee meetings.

e) Systems for ensuring the proper implementation of business by the corporate group comprising a stock corporation and its subsidiaries

In principle, the Company dispatches officers to Group companies and ensures the proper conduct of business by those companies by establishing operational standards and establishing a system that requires approval from or reporting to the Company before Group companies make decisions on certain matters. The Audit Office of the Company conducts audits of the Company and its Group companies in accordance with the Internal Audit Rules. Under the mid-term management plan and a system of annual budgets, clear targets are set and budget and results management is performed for the Company and each Group company. In order to enhance the reliability of financial reports, the status of company-wide internal controls as well as the process for preparing financial statements have been codified in light of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and evaluation and improvement efforts are made on a consolidated basis.

The Company and Group companies perform Group-wide risk management with the Risk Management & Compliance Committee mentioned above playing a central role. Important matters relating to Group-wide compliance are discussed and decisions are made

based on deliberations and determinations regarding issues relating to implementation and countermeasures addressing those issues.

f) Matters pertaining to employees when Audit & Supervisory Board members request the appointment of employees to assist them in the execution of their duties

Upon request from Audit & Supervisory Board members, in order to ensure their auditing effectiveness, the Company appoints employees to support the Audit & Supervisory Board members' work. Such employees are assigned to the Audit Office.

g) Matters pertaining to ensuring the independence of employees specified in the preceding paragraph from Directors and ensuring the effectiveness of instructions from Audit & Supervisory Board members

In order to ensure the independence of the employees specified in the preceding paragraph from the Directors, when such employees are transferred, evaluations are conducted, and so on, prior consultations are conducted with Audit & Supervisory Board members and their opinions are sought. In addition, efforts are made to ensure the effectiveness of instructions to such employees, adequately taking into consideration the selection of such employees and the period for which they will work supporting the execution of duties by Audit & Supervisory Board members.

h) Systems for Directors and employees to report to Audit & Supervisory Board members and other systems for reporting to Audit & Supervisory Board members

Audit & Supervisory Board members attend the board of directors meetings and other important meetings, exchange opinions with managers, review requests for decisions, reports, and so on so that they can understand the status of operations of the Company and Group companies at all times. Furthermore, the directors, employees, and so on of the Company and Group companies can report to Audit & Supervisory Board and its members regarding the following matters individually or through the Risk Management & Compliance Committee or the board of directors as necessary.

i. Improper implementation, violations of laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation, or other compliance-related issues regarding the performance of duties by Directors;

ii. Facts that pose a risk of substantial harm to the Company;

iii. Disclosure of material information; and

iv. Facts reported to internal reporting system and other matters.

Detrimental treatment of persons who make reports is prohibited in cases where a report is made by a Company Director or employee directly to an Audit & Supervisory Board member of the Company. This information is distributed throughout the Group and is clearly stated within internal reporting system.

i) Other systems to ensure that audits are conducted effectively by Audit & Supervisory Board members

In order to raise awareness and understanding of the importance and usefulness of audits by Audit & Supervisory Board members, Audit & Supervisory Board members hold periodic meetings for the exchange of opinions with the Representative Director and the outside Director. There are also systems that allow for close collaboration and mutual support among the independent auditor, Audit Office, and Audit & Supervisory Board members of affiliated companies so that Audit & Supervisory Board members can efficiently and effectively perform audit operations. When advice is sought from attorneys, certified public accountants, and other outside professionals or expenses are requested for outsourcing investigations, appraisals, or other administrative tasks so that the Audit & Supervisory Board or its members can perform audits, the Company may not refuse such requests except when the expenses relating to a request are not necessary for the performance of duties by the Audit & Supervisory Board or its members.

## 2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

### • Basic Approach to Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

The Company responds resolutely in the face of anti-social forces threatening the public order and safety, defining our firm commitment within our Basic Compliance Policy in opposition to such forces.

The NAGASE Group Compliance Conduct Standards states that (1) the Company will have no relationships with individuals or groups having a negative impact on the social order or sound corporate activities; (2) individuals involved in Company management will take the initiative and correct actions without fear of such forces; (3) the Company will act as a unified organization, without abandoning individual directors or employees, to seek the aid of police and legal authorities to reject fear, funding, or usage in response to unreasonable demands.

### • Status of Efforts to Eliminate Anti-Social Forces

The Company has established responsible departments and individuals in Tokyo, Osaka, and the Nagoya branch office. The individual responsible in the Tokyo head office participates in seminars on the prevention of unreasonable demands sponsored by the Tokyo Metropolitan Public Safety Commission.

In every region, the Company participates in groups discussing measures to deal with anti-social forces. Assigned individuals readily attend conferences and seminars, maintaining contact with local police. At the same time, these individuals gather and manage information about anti-social forces. The Company's basic trade agreements include terms regarding the elimination of anti-social forces. The Company endeavors to cancel agreements with any trading partner determined to be an anti-social force.

General affairs personnel in Tokyo, Osaka, and the Nagoya branch have access to the Manual Regarding the Prevention of Unreasonable Demands, taking the initial response in case of emergencies.

## V. Other

### 1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures | None |
|------------------------------------|------|

Supplementary Explanation

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### 2. Other Matters Concerning to Corporate Governance System

(1) See Attachment (1) for a diagram of the Company's corporate governance structure, including our internal controls system.

(2) Overview of Timely Disclosure Structure

The Company has established Basic Compliance Policy. In pursuit of compliance with laws, regulations, and internal regulations/rules and public disclosure to stakeholders (interested parties), the company actively and fairly discloses corporate information striving to ensure transparency.

Under this basic approach, the company has created the following structure for identifying and managing information subject to timely disclosure which functions as an internal system for providing me timely and appropriate disclosure of company information to investors.

The following describes how the Company handles each type of information.

#### ■ Information Related to Material Facts

The relevant headquarters general managers and division managers report information collected from departments and subsidiaries to the individual designated to handle such information. The individual designated to handle information coordinates with the relevant internal departments, summarizes information, and submits a report to the representative director and president.

As necessary, a report is submitted to the board of directors, after which the Corporate Management Department (body responsible for timely disclosures) promptly issues a timely disclosure.

#### ■ Information Related to Decision-Supporting Facts

Each department or subsidiary circulates a proposal draft, based on which related departments hold consultations. After final approval of the representative director or the board of directors, the Corporate Management Department promptly issues a timely disclosure.

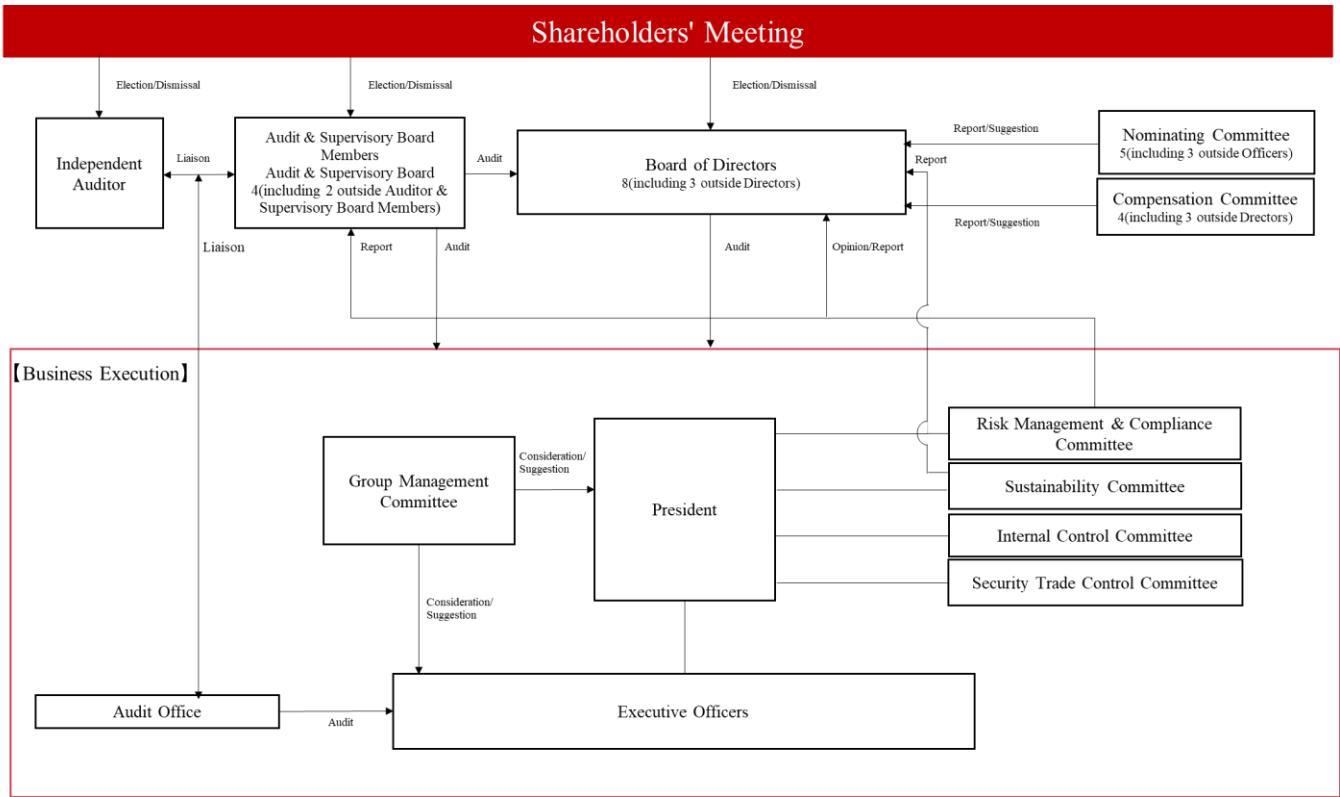
#### ■ Financial Information

Corporate Management Departments receive financial information from each consolidated subsidiary, accepting advice and guidance from members of the Audit & Supervisory Board and outside experts as necessary to ensure the reliability of financial information received. These divisions then prepare financial reports and drafts of public announcements. After decision by the president, the board of directors makes a final approval, after which the Corporate Management Department promptly issues a timely disclosure.

Refer to Attachment (2) for a diagram of this structure.

Attachment (1)

Corporate Governance system



Attachment (2)

Timely Disclosure System

